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In re Application of :
William Bellis Somers *et al* : DECISION ON PETITION
Application No. 09/551,445 :
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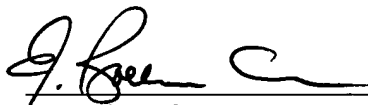
This is a decision on the petition filed by facsimile transmission on May 14, 2002 by which petitioners request withdrawal of the holding that this application stands abandoned for failure to file a reply to the Office letter dated August 9, 2001. No fee is required for the petition.

The petition is granted.

Petitioners allege that the application was not abandoned, because a timely reply to the Office letter in question was in fact filed. Petitioners support this allegation by furnishing a copy of the reply, and a copy of a receipt for the filing of the reply which shows that the reply was actually received in the Office on September 10, 2001, (a Monday), within the period set in the Office letter in question for reply thereto. This showing clearly establishes that the Office letter in question was not abandoned.

Accordingly, the Notice of Abandonment is hereby vacated, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn, and the application is restored to pending status. The application is being forwarded to the examiner for action on the reply filed on September 10, 2001.

PETITION GRANTED.



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